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THE ARTIST IN TURNING AWAY

your face in anger is so impassive;
I want to mould it to soften
curve a smile
from this expression

my hands are not that strong.
I lose the urge in seeing:
the reaction would not be yours at all.

I would take your fingers in mine,
derive their strength,
translated to the useful,
raise them to your jaw:
unset the mood
by changing forms of
muscles,
clearing eyes;
and watch.

your body would crush me
inevitably

breathing is shallow er

at first,

fingers grasp
and tighten
(over the broad wall of your back)

into fists, hard,

to beat against
my other lungs. TAMMYVESPER '85

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quotes on guatemala

"Only military convoys move along the back roads of the free-fire zone north of Chimaltenango... The people who hoed the cornfields fled the war months ago. In a region 20 miles by 40 miles, about 30 villages and hamlets are either destroyed or badly damaged. There are many such disaster zones across Guatemala's highlands and rainforests where the army's "scorched earth" policy of the last year has sought to cut the leftist guerrillas off from the Indian population..." - Marlise Simons, New York Times News Service

"Numerous families have perished, viley murdered. Not even the lives of old people, pregnant women or innocent children were respected... Never in our national history has it come to such grave extremes. These murders are being committed in the rural areas and are genocide." - Guatemalan Bishop's Conference 5/82

"In no case known to Amnesty International has a campensino who has succeeded in reaching comparative safety abroad in either Honduras or Mexico supported claims that opposition forces have been responsible for massive extra-judicial executions of non-combatant civilians. On the contrary, many who have spoken to foreign journalists outside Guatemalan territory have indicated their knowledge or belief that the atrocities which they witnessed or survived had been perpetrated by government or government-supported groups." -Amnesty Internat'l 7/82

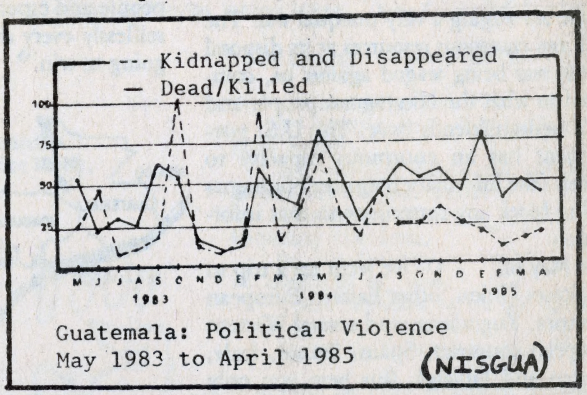
Until the government of Guatemala absolutely stops the death squads and the massacres in the countryside, we should not give them one more bullet, one spare part, or any kind of assistance... Guatemala, probably above all the countries in Central America, is the furthest from meeting the criteria of our human rights legislation." -U.S. Representative Tom Harkin, summer 1982

"We are not going to investigate the past. We would have to put the entire army in jail."
"If I put the army officers on trial, I'd be committing suicide."
"In the first six months, I'll have 30% of the power. In the first two years I'll have 50%, and I'll never have more than 70% of the power during my five-year term." -Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo

"...Maybe. But after all, if there's a military officer sitting next to him with a gun, the civilian is hardly going to disagree, even if the soldier isn't actually the president of the committee" -Anonymous Guatemalan Colonel (quoted by Bob Stix of NISGUA)

In reference to U.S. "aid" to Guatemala:
"We don't eat guns, bullets or helicopters. We eat tortillas, frijoles..." -Miguel Cifuentes, Guatemalan National Committee of Trade Union Unity

"We're the police, we can do anything we want." -Officer Barbara, Los Angeles Police Department Badge # 1989, 3/86



Guatemala: Political Violence
May 1983 to April 1985 (NISGUA)

Lissom, lambent eye
Shaking your tamborines for me,
The giggle and cuddle
Our personal puddle to lay in and stay in
and play in with you,
Spring in
You fall
I sing a slow, sad lament,
And I have known better since then,
The weather and other new friends...
Streaming and scissor-eyed,
You string your trembles and murmur somnambulent dreams,
Up come the gurgles and gargoyles to purge the words of your eternal screaming,
Now dancing a quaalude calypso excusing,
Gone are the greens of your silent accusing, Oh, dear?
Oh, where is the tip of your soft paw perusing?
Now mumble
And stumble and slip off to sleep,
The grip on the real, the lost and the losing,
'Come back to bed dear...
Where is my head... — Russ McGaffin
What did you say?
That's my soft spot your tapping
And bruising.

EXCERPTED from an oct. 25th 1985 speech by Daniel Ortega, President of Nicaragua, given in New York City:

"We are waging a very unequal war. The U.S. has enormous resources at its disposal in the war being waged against us, compared to what the Nicaraguan people and its American friends have. The U.S. government has an enormous capacity to launch false information against Nicaragua and to block any corrections to that information.

In May of we went on a trip to the Soviet Union, other Eastern European countries, Yugoslavia, and several Western European countries, Spain, France, Italy, Sweden and Finland. But here you only heard of a trip to Moscow, and how this was something evil, sinful.

The U.S. press doesn't pay much attention to other leaders who go to Moscow. But with Nicaragua, placed under the magnifying glass by the U.S., there was concern.

When we embarked on this trip to Eastern and Western Europe we were already aware it was only a matter of days before the U.S. imposed its embargo against Nicaragua.

The afternoon of May 1, when I was talking to the President of Yugoslavia I told him I thought it was only a matter of hours before the embargo would be imposed. And before the lunch was over Reagan had arrived in Bonn and announced the embargo.

We were desperately short of oil. A country without oil is a country paralyzed. So we had to find a solution.

We received $200 million from the Socialist countries and Yugoslavia and $220 million from France, Sweden, Italy and Finland, and from Holland and Greece as a result of Vice President Sergio Ramirez's trips there.

So what was more important? What was the choice: not upsetting public opinion here, not giving Mr. Reagan an opportunity, or allowing our economy to collapse? It was a question of life or death, and we did not opt for suicide.

As to what we believe: it's a particularly difficult task for those who have to carry out this work in the U.S. But perhaps the strongest point we have in our favor is that Nicaragua is an open society and that anyone who wants to go there to look can do so. So that's why we think it's important that North Americans continue to travel to Nicaragua, go wherever you like, and come back here and report the reality.

Just causes are powerful and they are unbeatable. Just causes always confront the kind of problems now confronting the Nicaraguan revolution. We don't have great economic or military power, at the same time that we are confronted with the almost infinite economic and military power of the United States.

That's enough to say the battle is already lost. But the battle is not only material. It is also moral. The truth, and history, are on our side. Notwithstanding the problems, this revolution is going forward. The people of Nicaragua are grateful to the American people and especially to those who sacrifice selflessly every day for that cause. We are going to win."

"A Plan of War for Central America"

In Nicaragua that plan involves private fundraising for a mercenary army ("contras") attempting to overthrow a sovereign government. That plan is a violation of U.S. law:

The Neutrality Act, enacted in 1794, reads as follows: "Whoever, within the United States, knowingly begins or sets on foot or provides or prepares a means for or furnishes the money for or takes part in, any military or naval expedition or enterprise to be carried on from thence against the territory or dominion of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people with whom the United States is at peace, shall be fined not more thatn $3,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both." 18 USC 960

This act prohibits the use or support of private armies to attack other countries. It does not make a distinction between government officials, whether from the Executive Branch or otherwise, and private citizens. Early 19th century Supreme Court clarifications make clear that there are no exceptions to this law including the President of the United States. President Buchanan in 1858, emphasized his duty to enforce the Act, stating that para-military expeditions were a "usurpation of the war-making power, which belongs alone to Congress." On January 10, 1984, a U.S. Federal District Court ruled that the Executive Branch of government is not outside the scope of the Neutrality Act.

General John K. Singlaub was relieved of his command during the Carter Administration.

He is now President of the World Anti-Communist League and the United States Council for World Freedom (USCWF) an anti-communist group based in Phoenix. In 1982, USCWF received a tax-exempt status from the IRS after promising in writing "never to give material or funds to insurgents."

General Singlaub is well known as a fundraiser and military advisor to the FDN, the largest contra group. He has discussed his role publicly many times. He has also acknowledged that he has been in contact with Col. Oliver North, an [ex-] member of the National Security Council in the White House. The treasurer of the USCWF said that the assistance to the contras was proper because it had President Reagan's backing and "the blessing of the government."

Although Singlaub denies buying arms directly for the contras, he is quite open about raising money which is to be deposited into banks outside the U.S. to be used for arms purchases. He is credited with raising as much as $25 million. In interviews he has discussed the precise arms requirements of the contras and has tried to promote reconciliation between factions of the contras.

It is abundantly clear that Singlaub and his organization are in violation of the Neutrality Act. It is also clear that the Reagan Administration is an accomplice to these violations, lending support and assistance to Singlaub in breaking the law of the land.

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I.

after all,
this has become à kind of peace.
some hollow existence
that pushes at the
base of my brain
and disrupts familiarity,
chisels out the baser
form of skin over muscle,
finds the bones beneath.

and my form is slighter.
building up again
the firm strength
that occupied
arms and thighs and back
is taking time.
if I would be a lower form,
take on the shape of
some mesozoic fossil,
breathe the air of ages
and the dust
of the earth,
there is a land to be found:
beneath the shifting
geography of eras
lies what part my soul has lost.

II.

there in the far off dark of your bed,
lie awake at night to think.

I want to invade your
subconscious
from my own place, here
below the reach of time;

I have no history. I will show you
ice to crush and shape
what oceans move,
and we will watch,
silent bystanders
to witness: LISTEN (to the sound
of the wind
when there was nothing):
mountains rise
from ocean floors,
deserts make the flat stretches
and repair
to jungles,
birth of protozoans and of men.

III.

now I am whole.
my ancient skin has been stripped,
they planted trees where i am wounded,
choked my blood with dams and crushed my lungs
with the weight of cities.

this becomes the reason
I remain.
to find what lives have left before me,

read like palms

the scratchings of
cro magnon paintings
on my walls.

and I will teach you.
There in the far off dark
I will show you:
how to feel.

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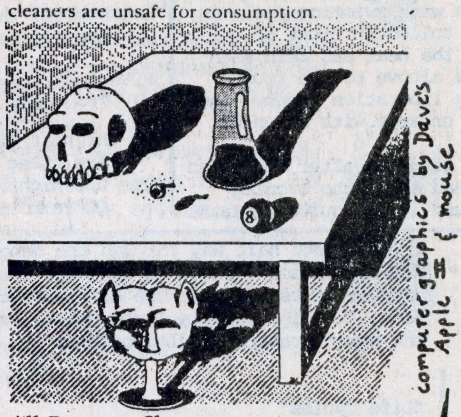
Household Cleaners and Polishes

When cleaning your home, keep in mind that you don't have to replace grease and dirt with dozens of chemicals dangerous to your family and the overall environment. Most of your household cleaning needs can be met with six simple ingredients: vinegar, soap, baking soda, washing soda, borax, and ammonia. Various combinations of these simple substances can accomplish most household cleaning jobs cheaply and safely.

Use caution with all cleaners. Even some non-toxic cleaners are unsafe for consumption.



All-Purpose Cleaner

Mild Mixture: 1 gallon (4 L) hot water
¼ C (50 ml) sudsy ammonia
¼ C (50 ml) vinegar
1 T (115ml) baking soda

This solution is safe for all surfaces, can be rinsed with water, and is very effective for most jobs. For a stronger cleaner or wax stripper, double the amounts of all ingredients except water. Use gloves, and do not mix with other compounds, especially chlorine bleach. (Never mix ammonia and bleach: an extremely toxic gas is produced.)

Laundry

In the 1960s concern about phosphates in detergents led to legislated reduction in some areas to protect our lakes and streams. But detergent related problems persist because of the sheer volume of cleansers used by North Americans.

The best alternative for cleaning your clothes is, naturally enough, soap. Despite the advantages of detergents, (the dictionary defines soap as "a biodegradable cleansing and emulsifying agent made by action of alkali on fat or fatty acids and consisting essentially of sodium or potassium salts of such acids" and detergent as "any of numerous nonbiodegradable *synthetic* water-soluble or liquid organic preparations that are chemically different from soaps, but are able to emulsify oils, hold dirt in suspension, and act as wetting agents") soap has accomplished the task of getting garments white and bright for generations.

Try this recipe:

Add ⅓ C (80 ml) washing soda (sodium carbonate) to water as machine is filling. Add clothes. Add 1½ C (375 ml) of soap. If the water is hard, add ¼ C (50 ml) soda or ¼ C (50 ml) vinegar during the first rinse.

Detergents leave a residue on fabrics that must be removed with softeners. If you have been using detergents in your laundry, it is advisable to get rid of the detergent film. To prevent yellowing, run your laundry through the washer with ⅓ C (80 ml) washing soda before you convert to soap.

There are alternatives to enzyme pre-soaks and bleach for tough stains, too. Test each of the following remedies on your fabric first. If it starts to discolor, neutralize the cleaning agent immediately. Acids (lemon juice and vinegar) neutralize alkalies (baking soda and ammonia), and alkalies neutralize acids. Wash after application.

HEAVY SOILS: Rub with solution of 2 T (30 ml) washing soda in 1 C (250 ml) warm water.

SOILED DIAPERS: Presoak in 3 T (45 ml) baking soda dissolved in warm water in either tub or washing machine.

FRUIT AND WINE: Immediately pour salt or hot water on the stain and soak in milk before washing.

GREASE: Pour boiling water on stains and follow with dry baking soda. Or try ammonia and water.

INK: Soak in milk or remove with hydrogen peroxide.

BLOOD: Soak in cold water or remove with hydrogen peroxide. For a more stubborn stain, mix cornstarch, talcum powder, or cornmeal with water and apply the mixture. Allow to dry and brush away.

COFFEE: Mix egg yolk with luke-warm water and rub on stain.

CHEWING GUM: Rub with ice. Gum will flake off.

LIPSTICK: Rub with cold cream or shortening and wash with washing soda.

RUST: Saturate with sour milk (or lemon juice) and rub with salt. Place in direct sunlight until dry, then wash.

MILDEW: Pour strong soap and salt on the spots and place in sunlight. Keep the spots moist, and repeat as often as necessary.

SCORCHES: Boil scorched article in 1 C (250 ml) soap and 2 quarts (liters) milk.

Carpets

To fully clean and deodorize carpets, mix 2 parts cornmeal with 1 part borax. Sprinkle liberally, leave one hour, then vacuum. For tougher stains, repeatedly blot with vinegar in soapy water. For red wine spills, blot with white wine and warm, soapy water. Quick deodorizing is easy if you sprinkle the carpet with baking soda, then vacuum.

Polishing Metals

COPPER: Lemon juice and salt, or hot vinegar and salt.

CHROME: Rubbing alcohol, or a small amount of ammonia with hot water. Also try white flour in a dry rag.

BRASS: Equal parts salt and flour, with a little vinegar.

SILVER: Bring to boil in a large pan: 1 quart (1 litre) water; 1 T (15 ml) salt; 1 T (15 ml) baking soda. Drop in silver, boil for 3 minutes, and polish with a soft cloth. Or, polish with a paste of wood ash and water.

Ovens

Combine strong version of all-purpose cleaner with baking soda: wear gloves when scrubbing. An easier oven cleaner is ammonia: Place about ¼ C (50 ml) in a shallow pan (not aluminum), and add enough water to cover the bottom of the pan. Heat oven for 20 minutes, turn off, and place pan in oven overnight. Baked-on foods will be loosened, and the oven can be cleaned with baking soda and scrubbing.

Drains

Your drains can be kept open, clean, and odor-free without the use of corrosive drain cleaners. Two simple rules: Never pour liquid grease down a drain, and always use the drain sieve. In addition, use this preventive measure for drains once a week: Mix 1 C (250 ml) baking soda, 1 C (250 ml) salt, and ¼ C (50 ml) cream of tartar. Pour ¼ C of this mixture into drain. Follow with a pot of boiling water, and flush with cold water. Done once a week, your drain should remain open and odor-free.

In the event a drain becomes clogged, pour in ¼ C (50 ml) baking soda followed by ½ C (125 ml) vinegar, close the drain until the fizzing stops, and flush with boiling water. As a last resource, use a plumber's snake, available at most hardware stores, but be aware it can damage pipes.

Tub and Tile

Most commercial tile cleaners do more harm than good because many contain chlorine, a serious irritant to eyes, nose and skin, and one of the most dangerous chemicals found in municipal sewers. For bathroom cleaning, use a firm-bristled brush with either baking soda and hot water or the mild all-purpose cleaner.

Dishes

Set aside your dish detergent, and dissolve soap flakes in hot water. Add some vinegar to the water for tough grease.

Polishes

Most store-bought polishes contain solvents that are released into the air. Aerosol sprays are wasteful, and many contain gases harmful to the environment.

FURNITURE POLISH: Dissolve 1 t (5 ml) lemon oil in 1 pint (4/5 ml) mineral oil. Apply with a rag.

POLISHING CLOTH: Melt ¼ C (50 ml) paraffin (wax) and ¼ C (50 ml) vinegar together in a double boiler. Soak a dusting rag in the mixture for ½ hour, then squeeze and hang to dry.

FLOOR POLISH: Melt 1/8 C (25 ml) paraffin in a double boiler. Add 1 quart (1 L) mineral oil and a few drops of lemon essence. Apply with a rag, allow to dry, and polish.

Mirrors, Glass and Windows

Wash with simple soap and water; rinse with a solution of 1 part vinegar to 4 parts water. Or use a spray bottle and a mixture of ½ C (120 ml) ammonia, 1/8 C (25 ml) vinegar, and a quart (1 L) of very warm water (the warmer the water, the faster the evaporation). Use washable, reusable cheese cloth rather than paper towels or dry with loosely crumpled sheets of newspaper.

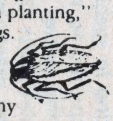
Air Fresheners

Commercial air fresheners work by masking smells, coating nasal passages and deadening nerves to chemically alter odors and diminish the sense of smell. Avoid these products. Grow house plants, which are an excellent source for air purification. Baking soda in you refrigerator or garbage can help reduce odors at their source.

Controlling Garden Pests

Find out which non-chemical fertilizers aid in controlling bugs, and how to fortify your plants with proper soil care. Pesticides carry the suffix "-cides," which means "killer." Natural pesticides are cheaper and safer for your family and are usually "pest-specific".

Learn to promote the population of beneficial pests such as lady bird beetles, bees, fly larvae, lace-wing larvae (aphid lions), praying mantis, dragon flies, predacious mites and thrips, spiders, toads, garter snakes, and birds. Investigate "companion planting," which can provide a natural barrier to bugs.



Outdoor Pests

The following methods will assist in healthy gardening:

HANDPICKING is time-consuming but unbeatable. Use gloves, and remove all visible offending pests.

SPRAYING—on foliage:

TOBACCO WATER: Place a large handful of tobacco into 4 quarts (4 L) of warm water. Let stand for 24 hours. Dilute and apply with a spray bottle. This tobacco water is poisonous to humans—use caution when handling.

HOT PEPPERS: Blend 2 or 3 very hot peppers, ½ onion and 1 clove garlic in water, boil, steep for two days, and strain. This spray will not damage indoor or outdoor plants and can be frozen for future use.

GARLIC: Mix 4 Q (4 L) water, 2 T (30 ml) garlic juice (do not use garlic powder, as it will burn the plants), 32 grams of diatomaceous earth (see below), and 1 t (5 ml) rubbling alcohol. Can be frozen for later use.

SOAP: Use only pure soap, as detergents will damage your plants. Liquid soaps: 2 T (30 ml) per quart (litre) of water. Dry soaps: 50 grams per quart (litre) of water.

Barriers

COLLARS: To stop hatching larvae from burrowing into the soil surrounding your plants, use "collars" made of stiff paper, heavy plastic or tar paper. Cut a piece a foot square and fit snugly around the stem of the plant on top of the soil. Use a paper clip to hold it in place.

NETTING: Fine netting such as cheese cloth, placed over the bed, will protect seedlings from chewing insects, keep cats and birds away, and prevent flying insects from laying eggs.

Please contact the organizations listed for more information. Greenpeace strongly recommends that gardeners make full use of modern organic methods.

Formulated, bio-degradable pest-control substances are commercially available. For example:

PYRETHRUM DUST: Very effective against soft-bodied insects such as caterpillars, with a low toxicity to mammals. Avoid inhaling.

DIATOMACEOUS EARTH: made from the skeletons of tiny organisms, this dust controls pests by causing dehydration and death. Can be used indoors and out. Please follow manufacturer's instructions carefully.

INSECTICIDAL SOAP: This soap is available in gardening, hardware, and drug stores.

Controlling Indoor Pests

ANTS: Locate the place of entry, squeeze a lemon onto it and leave the peel. Ants will also retreat from lines of talcum powder, chalk, damp coffee grounds, bone meal, charcoal dust and cayenne pepper.

COCKROACHES: Plug all small cracks along baseboards, wall shelves, and cupboards, and around pipes, sinks, and bathtub fixtures. A light dust of borax around the fridge, stove and duct-work is effective in controlling cockroaches. For a trap, lightly grease the inner neck of a milk bottle and put a little stale beer or a raw potato in it.

FRUIT FLIES: Pour a small amount of beer into a wide-mouth jar. Cut the corner out of a plastic bag and attach the bag to the jar with a rubber band. Flies will enter and be trapped. Change the beer when necessary.

FLIES: Sunny windows are flies' most common entrance into your home, so close windows before the sun hits them. Use regular sticky flypaper to catch unwelcome flying guests. You can make your own with honey and yellow paper.

MOTHS: Keep vulnerable clothes dry and well aired. Camphor can be used, as it is the major, non-toxic ingredient of moth balls. To trap moths, mix 1 part molasses with 2 parts vinegar and place it in a yellow container. Clean regularly.

HOUSE PLANT PESTS: Hot-pepper spray will also help to control pests on the leaves. And don't forget soap and water, but be sure to rinse the plants with fresh water afterwards.

SILVERFISH: Traps can be made with a mixture of 1 part molasses to 2 parts vinegar. Place near cracks and holes where pests live. Silverfish can be repelled by treating baseboards, table legs, and cracks in cupboards with a mixture of borax and sugar (or honey).

SPIDERS: Under ideal conditions, do not destroy spiders because they help control pests.

STORED FOOD PESTS: Keep mites and moths out of your staples by drying the food in a warm oven (70 F, 20 C) for one hour or by freezing for 2–3 days. Always store foods in air tight containers. Weevils' favorite foods are beans and grains; to keep them away, hang small cloth sacks of black pepper in your food bins or around your food storage area. A few soapberries per bushel of stored wheat will also drive out weevils.

TICKS and FLEAS: If your pets are infested, wash them well with soap and warm water, dry them thoroughly, and use this herbal rinse: Add ½ C (125 ml) of fresh or dried rosemary to a quart (litre) of boiling water. Steep 20 minutes, strain, and allow to cool. Spray or sponge evenly onto pet and allow to air dry. Do not towel down, as this will remove the residue. Make sure pets are dry before letting them outside.

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Russ McGuff and JoAnne Leznoff: The gods would be lucky to have friends such as you. -ROO

Tammy and Amy: I apologize. I forgive. I do not forget. Finding comfort in the arms of my friends, I realize that I have no enemies, and want to keep it that way. Go in peace. -That Long Haired Hippy-in-a-volkswagen, OTR 87.

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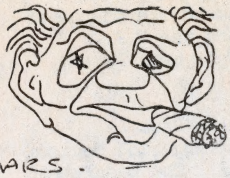

COOL WINTER NIGHTS,
WARM SUMMER BREEZES.

DRUNKS IN BARS,
PIMPS... IN NEW SHINY CARS.

THE POOR MAN ON THE STREET,
THE RICH MAN... IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

THE RUN DOWN SLUM...
SO YOU THINK LIFE'S FUN?

YOU'll FIGHT AT NIGHT,
AND WORK ALL DAY.

DRUGS..BOOZE... WHORES...
THEY TAKE THE PAY.

YOU'll FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH,
GET STUCK WITH A LIE.

IF YOU DON'T PLAY THE GAME,
THEN SOMETIMES YOU DIE.

THE RUN DOWN SLUM...
SO YOU THINK LIFE'S FUN?

PIGS... THEY HAVE NO PLACE...
REMEMBER... THIS IS NOT GOD'S PLACE.

GARBAGE IN THE STREETS,
BARS ON THE WINDOWS.

NEEDLES IN ARMS...
BLADES IN THE GUT.

THE RUN DOWN SLUM...
SO YOU THINK LIFE'S FUN?

-Dave Starr ☆

REVEREND JERRY FALWELL has announced the creation of the Liberty Alliance. While the Moral Majority will still exist, it will focus on what the Reverend calls "truly moral" issues, such as abortion, homosexuality and pornography. The Liberty Alliance will be a lobbying group for Falwell's far-right views on domestic and foreign issues. Both will be subsidiaries of the newly created, tax-exempt Liberty Federation.

Falwell said the federation will support Reagan's Star Wars plan and aid to the Nicaraguan contras, and would resist "possible Communistic takeovers in Taiwan, South Korea, the Phillippines, South Africa and all over the world."

In a related story, Edward Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia was so angered by Falwell that he had his home computer call the evangelist's toll-free line every 30 seconds for eight months. Southern Bell has threatened to cut off Johnson's phone service, while Falwell's attorney's are investigating legal action.

It has been estimated that the calls to "The Old Time Gospel Hour" might have cost Falwell as much as $1 each. If that is the case, Johnson's calls cost Falwell nearly $700,000. Those who wish to congratulate the Reverend Falwell on his new Liberty Federation can call the Moral Majority at 1 (800) 826-1234 or the Old Time Gospel Hour at 1 (800) 446-5000. --Gay Community News

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On Martin Luther King Weekend this January people from throughout the country will converge on Cape Canaveral, the world-famous hub of America's space and missile program, to challenge the long planned first test launch of the new Trident II D5 nuclear missile. The D5, which former Trident missile engineer Robert C. Aldridge has called "the ultimate first strike weapon," is only three years away from operational status and flight testing is the last crucial phase of its development. Determined peacemakers, however, are now drawing the line at Canaveral, planning not only protests but also a sustained nonviolent occupation of the test area intended to obstruct any missile launch there.

For over two years the Pentagon has consistently stated its plan to test launch the first Trident II in January 1987 (see Aviation Week Sept. 3, 1984), to be followed by 19 more launches from the Cape, one every 40 days.

As the launch day approaches, people will hike (or travel by boat) into the test security zone, several square miles of brushy terrain which must be cleared of unauthorized people before the launch can proceed. Three out of 17 Trident I missiles misfired or exploded at the Cape during flight testing. With the recent string of launch disasters government officials will be especially wary about the presence of civilians near the missile.

Organizers are calling for affinity groups and concerned individuals to form nonviolent occupation teams and sign up for rotating shifts to sustain the occupation for as long as necessary. Nonviolent resistance to the first MX test at Vandenberg AFB in California and last April's ground zero occupations of the Nevada Test Site showed that occupiers can seriously disrupt testing by making their presence in the security zone known while eluding capture for days at a time. Witness for Peace in Nicaragua has shown that hundreds of Americans will voluntarily take risks to sustain an ongoing unarmed defense of innocent lives.

Cape Canaveral and Vandenberg are the cutting edges of an arms race spinning out of control. "The MX," says Rand Corporation analyst William Martel, "is child's play compared to the D5." With the fate of the Earth hanging in the balance, it is up to ordinary people who care about life and peace to take on the risks of waging peace, to draw the line and turn the tide at Cape Canaveral, before it is too late.

(Peter Lumsdaine, who proposed the Trident II Cape Canaveral action in October 1985, is coordinator of the First Strike Prevention Project, which is co-sponsoring the action with the Florida Caolition and Mobilization for Survival.)

Why will thousands of peace & justice activists travel to Cape Canaveral, Florida, January 17?

(a) to go to the beach
(b) to protest and cancel the first flight test of the Trident II missile
(c) to stop Star Wars development
(d) to end nuclear warhead and flight testing as the first steps toward total abolition
(e) all of the above

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National Demonstration and Nonviolent Actions
Cape Canaveral, Florida
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"THE MILITARIZATION OF FLORIDA"

During 1984 the Pentagon spent $15.3 billion in Florida. The state has the fifth largest military payroll in the nation and is the 8th ranked weapons producing state with 64 such facilities. With this money comes a greater role in war preparations and war fighting. During the past couple of years, we have seen Florida's military role expand as the war in Central America grows. What follows is a limited outline of the overt military operations in Florida.

1) PENSACOLA NAVAL STATION - Homeport for the aircraft carrier Lexington. Over 24,000 military and civilian personnel work at the base. Aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk is scheduled to be assigned if Reagan's plan for a 600 ship navy passes congress.

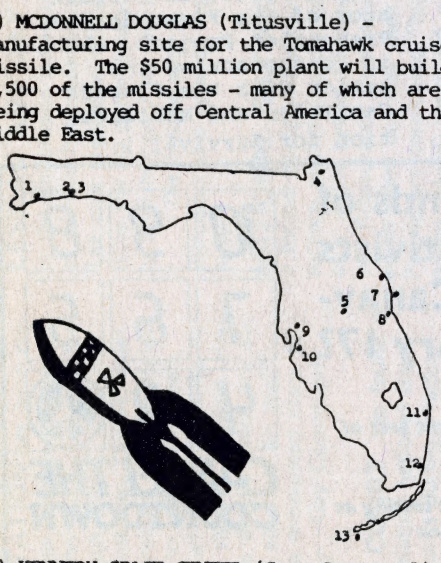
2) HURLBURT FIELD (Ft. Walton Beach) - Center for covert Air Force operations. AC-130 gunships fly regular reconnaissance missions over El Salvador helping to direct bombing attacks on the rebel populations. The Salvadoran government drops the bombs with planes provided by the U.S.

3) EGLIN A.F.B. (Ft. Walton Beach) - Site for sea-launched cruise missile tests during the next 10 years. Cruise missiles now deployed on nearly 200 naval ships. Eglin is also in the running to be a host site for the Midgetman mobile ICBM.

4) MAYPORT NAVAL STATION (Jacksonville) - A regional support facility for the Atlantic fleet. Thirty-four ships, including two aircraft carriers, are homeported at Mayport. Nuclear weapons are reportedly stored at the base.

5) MARTIN MARIETTA (Orlando) - The number one ranked military contractor in Florida with $1.2 billion in 1984 contracts. Martin makes missiles (including the Pershing II), does Star Wars research and makes electronic components that give conventional weapons greater killing capability.

6) MCDONNELL DOUGLAS (Titusville) - Manufacturing site for the Tomahawk cruise missile. The $50 million plant will build 4,500 of the missiles - many of which are now being deployed off Central America and the Middle East.



7) KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (Cape Canaveral) - Beginning in January, 1987 the Trident II missile will begin a series of 20 flight tests from here. The space program is increasingly being taken over by the military priority.

8) PATRICK A.F.B. (Cocoa Beach) - U-2 spy planes operate out of Patrick and routinely fly missions over the Central American region as well as other hot spots around the world.

9) MACDILL A.F.B. (Tampa) - A key base in the U.S. interventionary strategy. Nuclear capable F-16 fighter planes are assigned here. The U.S. Central Command (in charge of Middle East war planning) and the U.S. Readiness Command (Rapid Deployment Force) are headquartered at MacDill.

10) GENERAL ELECTRIC (Pinellas Park) - Manufacturing site for the triggering devices used on all nuclear warheads. The Department of Energy is now seeking a permit to operate a hazardous waste facility at the plant.

11) UNITED TECHNOLOGIES (West Palm Beach) - The state's second ranked military contractor with $454 million in 1984. The operation makes jet engines for B-52, F-15, and F-16 planes. Each engine costs over $2 million. The plant also builds helicopters furnished by the U.S. to the government in El Salvador.

12) HOMESTEAD A.F.B. (Miami) - During the past year the air base has begun converting from a fighter training base to a combat ready air base. Three squadrons of F-16 (72 planes) will dramatically change the mission of the base. It's proximity to Central America is obvious.

13) KEY WEST NAVAL STATION - The formerly near abandoned navy base is undergoing $100 million in expansion. Will serve as the Headquarters for the Navy's Caribbean Defense Command. This "forward operating base" will be capable of receiving U.S. destroyers and other warships. The ships would carry nuclear weapons.

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"Draft Registration"

"The pioneers of a warless world are the young men and women who refuse military service." -Albert Einstein

In July of 1980, President Carter ordered men to register for the draft for the first time since 1975. Today the law requires you to register within thirty days before or twenty-nine days after your 18th birthday.

Some men believe that draft registration is wrong. For them, registering for the draft means supporting a system that is part of war. They can't do this. They are conscientious objectors to registration.

If you decide not to register, you could face legal charges. The punishment for breaking the draft law is up to five years in prison and up to $250,000 fine. But few non-registrants receive these maximum penalties. From 1980 through 1985, out of over one million men who failed to register, only 20 were charged. As of February 1986, fourteen had been convicted. None of these received the maximum punishment.

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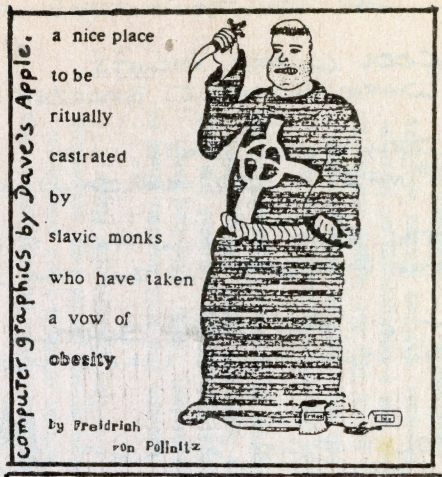
The CCCO was founded in 1948 as the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. It provides counseling and legal help for people facing the draft and for people who need discharge from the military, either as conscientious objectors or for other reasons. It also tries to reach young people before they enlist with information about military life and conscientious objection.



"Save Yourself"

Everybody wants a part of you
And the numbers just pile up
Everybody wants some time of you
Till shared-time is all you are
Everybody wants the you of you
But you haven't been you for awhile
How can you be you
When you're always a two?
A 3? or a 4? or a 7?
When all that you do,
Create with, react to,
Is an US or a WE; not a you?
When was the last time
You were just YOU,
And did you have a good time?
If you didn't...know why?
There's not enough you
left for you.

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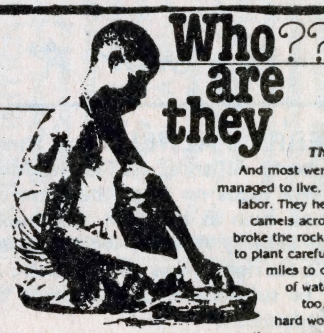

Who?????? are they

They were never rich
And most were always poor. But they managed to live, through their own hard labor. They herded spindly cattle and camels across the sunbaked desert, broke the rock-hard soil with pickaxes to plant carefully saved seeds, walked miles to carry back a half-bucket of water. The children worked, too, beginning a lifetime of hard work early, proud to share the responsibility of family survival. Sometimes they went hungry, but they survived.

Then the drought came... The worst in years. The herd and work animals died, crops turned brown, and rivers dried up. The children and old people grew very weak. Then, sickness broke out—cholera, meningitis, and all the diseases of malnutrition. Suddenly they were facing death. Many fled to find new work, to find food and water. And in many regions, war blocked aid that might have come, and added other terrors and miseries. This is the crisis now spreading throughout Africa. Thousands are starving, and millions suffer from hunger and malnutrition and all its complications. Oxfam America is working to send urgently needed supplies to the hardest hit areas, and to expand our long-range programs to prevent more suffering in the future. This is the most serious situation in Africa for many years.

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A WOMAN–ONLY POLICE STATION has been created in Sao Paolo, Brazil to encourage women to report crimes such as rape and beatings, with more than two hundred women a day now reporting such crimes.

According to *off our backs*, Rosemary Correa, chief inspector of the station, said she considers the new station a success: "It is hard for a woman to tell a policeman, who is not always sympathetic (to) all of the intimate details of the sexual or physical abuse she has suffered. Here a woman feels freer to go into these details which are often of vital importance to bring the aggressor to trial."

Other Brazilian states have also announced plans to open women–only police stations. ––Gay Community News

THE NORWEGIAN SUPREME COURT has found a fundamentalist preacher guilty of violating national Gay rights laws by making anti–Gay remarks during a radio broadcast.

The evangelist received a 30–day suspended sentence, the equivalent of a $315 fine, and two years probation for his comment that "homosexuals should be removed from any leading positions they hold in our country," reports the *Advocate*.

This was reportedly the first conviction under Norway's 1981 law that makes it illegal to "publicly threaten, insult or bear hatred towards, persecute or hold in contempt a person or group of persons on the grounds of homosexual orientation and way of life," or to discriminate against Gays in "professional activities or use of facilities." ––The Washington Blade

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LESBIAN AND GAY COUPLES IN AMSTERDAM in the diplomatic services are eligible for the same benefits as married heterosexual couples, beginning January 1, 1986. The new regulation will allow Lesbians and Gay men to receive the 40 percent salary supplement for a lover, currently available only for married couples.

The Netherlands is the first country in the world to introduce this type of legislation. ––Gay Community News

NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES has filed a formal complaint with the California Department of Insurance challenging the discriminatory underwriting practices of a major national insurer. The company, Munich American Reassurance Company, recently issued guidelines intended to weed out Gay men who apply for life insurance. People are considered "high risk" if they are single and between 20–50 years old, a resident of certain cities known to have large Gay populations, if they have an "illicit lifestyle," or if they name anyone other than a spouse or child as beneficiary.

Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, criticized Munich American's policy as a "mean-spirited, stereotypical and unlawful attack on the ability of the entire Gay and Lesbian community to obtain life insurance." He attacked the guidelines as medically unsound, and characterized them as "a gross overreaction to the AIDS epidemic." ––press release

A DEFINITION OF A HOMOSEXUAL was approved by the United Methodist ministers of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference meeting in special session in January. The 260 ministers are reported to have spent slightly more than an hour discussing the matter in closed sessions at University Park United Methodist Church. The definition accepted is: "A self–avowed practicing homosexual is a person who engages in, and openly acknowledges, genital sexual behavior with a person or persons of the same sex."

The 1984 General Conference ruled that a "self–avowed practicing homosexual" could not be ordained or appointed. Subsequently, the denomination's Judicial Council ruled that each annual conference has the authority to define the phrase "self–avowed practicing homosexual."

The Rocky Mountain Conference was one of the first to face a need for a definition since two ministers in the conference filed a grievance and subsequent complaint against the Rev. Julian Rush, a minister who went public with his homosexuality in 1981 while serving at First United Methodist Church in Boulder. ––announcement

NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES has filed a brief with the United States Supreme Court in the most important case of the century for Gay men and women. The Court is expected to rule this Spring in the case of Bowers v. Hardwick as to whether a state may criminalize private adult sexual conduct.

Laurence Tribe, the widely respected Harvard Law School professor and constitutional scholar is representing Michael Hardwick, who was arrested in his own bedroom in Atlanta, Georgia and charged with sodomy, a felony carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "The state of Georgia exceeds its inherent police power when it criminalizes private sexual conduct by adults. The constitution does not permit such far–reaching regulation of American citizens' lives." Graff noted that the statute makes virtually all sexual conduct illegal whether the participants are Gay, heterosexual, married or single. ––announcement

THE JOY OF GAY SEX will no longer be available in Canada due to a decision by Canadian Customs, according to *Angles. The Joy Of Gay Sex* is on the "Customs' banned book list" and police are pressuring the distributor, General Publishing of Toronto, to take the book off the market in Canada.

The Joy of Lesbian Sex and *The Joy of* (heterosexual) *Sex* are not on the Customs' banned list, but the current status of *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* is not clear. Orders of the book by a Vancouver women's bookstore mysteriously have not arrived. ––Gay Community News

AFTER A HEATED YEAR-LONG BATTLE in Seattle between Gay activists and the Christian right, the King County Council has approved an ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. However opponents to the watered-down ordinance claim they intend to repeal it through a referendum.

According to the Seattle *Gay News*, the December 5–4 vote on the Fair Employment Ordinance also guarentees protection from discrimination on the basis of "race, sex, color, age, marital status, religion, ancestry, national origin or the presence of any sensory, physical or mental handicap.

In related news, Washington Gov. Booth Gardner has signed an executive order which protects state employees from discrimination based on sexual preference, according to *The Washington Blade*. ––Gay Community News

WILMA MANKILLER became the first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation in December, 1985. She had been Deputy Principal Chief and automatically assumed the Principal Chief role when Ross Swimmer, who had occupied the post for 10 years, resigned to become Chairman of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mankiller joins at least 29 other women who lead Native American nations, but the Cherokee Nation, with 67,000 registered members is, by far, the largest led by a woman. Although Mankiller has a background of involvement in Native American protests, she has vowed to "stay on the same path" as her predecessor. ––Womanews

On April 21, 1985 students marched from the Plaza of the Americas, University of Florida to the steps of Tigert Hall where they remained until the Police gave notice to evacuate. 37 students and faculty were arrested. The doors of Tigert Hall had been already locked from the inside so the students themselves were not an obstruction. During the arrests many people jumped over the concrete banisters to avoid arrest.

After their release, Students returned with signs, brown paper, and magic markers to continue the occupation. From the beginning to the end of the protest the administration made it as uncomfortable for the demonstrators as possible. It was as if both the demonstrators and the administration were acting according to a strict gameplan. While the administrators slept in fancy houses with swimming pools in their backyards, the handful of demonstrators toiled in front of Mandela Hall (the new name of Tigert Hall) in the heat and rain with no protection from the elements except for the alcove of the front door. The steps of Mandela Hall were indeed a liberation front. the demonstration attracted primarily poor people unhappy with an unjust political system.

The author took notice of this optimistic struggle after the fifth evening of the protest during which the poet had spent the evening sleeping on the steps of Mandela Hall (and found it was quite pleasant resting there.)

"The Fifth Day of Freedom"

It was amongst tangled bodies
Resting in the dawn
I awoke and sat upon the bench
Watching traffic pass.

Five days of freedom,
Five days of worker rule.

Who was it that said
Cowards shall die
One hundred thousand times
And old soldiers...

Five days freedom,
Five days of worker rule.

In the heat of summer,
Are these children cold?
The hot night fed the flames
Of revolution.

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Five days of freedom,
Five days of worker rule.

Men with men together,
Bundles of blankets,
Women with women and sometimes
Sexes can mix.

No leaders have we,
Till eternity.
Our law shall decree,
One committee.

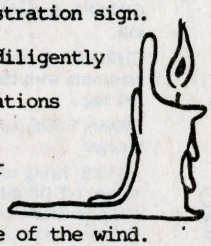
Five days of freedom,
Five days of worker rule.

The Sights and Sounds of the Siege of Mandela Hall

"Mandela Hall"

The people honk horns passing by.
We smile and wave to them in return.
Tigert Hall has silver letters
Underneath the administration sign.

University students study diligently
For tests and finals.
The same films depict situations
In a land call Azania.



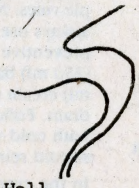
Where they found the ladder
I do not know.
The atmosphere is tense
Drama amplifies because of the wind.

Up the ladder the sign went
Like a wiggling snake.
Amidst the cool night air
the Words of the sign read: Mandela Hall.

When tbey go up the ladder
They try to drag
The volleyball net up the ladder.
But the ladders bother police people.

And in the shadows of the evening,
Police car headlights
Illuminate the sign, Mandela Hall.
Then police car headlights spin off.

Is this approval?



The sign upon a volleyball net
Was taken down.
The police disapprove.
The occupation goes on.

And it still is, Mandela Hall.

Sometimes the volleyball net sign
Hangs on the curb of the road
In front of Mandela Hall.
Protesters stand in the middle
And proudly at both ends.
In defiance?
No.
Just to express love
And ask for justice.

It was about half way through the demonstration that the administration decided to turn off the electricity. Up to this time demonstrators had made use of electrical outlets on the front steps of Mandela Hall to kindle light bulbs, lamps, and even typewriters. Now the demonstrators kindled candles.

"Life Cycles"

The flame warms the womb of the candle.
The candle's youth slowly melts away.
As the flame burns quicker
So does her youth
Until poverty heightens lust
And she is forever worshipped.

Other events:

'Krishna'

Krishna came to the temple
of revolution
Bringing striped suckers
From a diner
That served nothing but meat.

'Collectivism'
Upon the steps of Mandela Hall
Rests Collectivism
In all its splendor.
Tables, chairs,
Food and drugs, beer and water,
Blankets and sheets,
Collectivisation in perfect
Anarchy
Producing chaos
In the heads of stubborn minds
Who still insist it does not work...
Everything belongs to everyone
And when we are gone
It will all go away
One big mess.

A response to reactionary
Oppression.

"Continuing Collectivism"

The collectivisation
Of Mandela Hall didn't disappear
Over night
But through rules and conditions
Governing collectivism:
A walkway,
Watering the lawn,
No electricity,
No comforts of home.
Still freedom is so delightful
That even a glimpse of it
Is worth risking your life.

A string of fire crackers explodes.

Mandela Hall
Is perhaps forgotten
But the sights,
The sounds,
The smells,
Of the siege
Of Mandela Hall,
And the memories
Of the Anarchy
Are as natural
As the collectivisation...
Of all peoplekind.

"An Ode to a Bare Breast"

It was a sunny summer afternoon
When I saw naked in the sunlight
The most awe inspiring breast
In the whole wide world.
This breast was not a figment
Of my picturesque imagination.
It was a breast romanesque
Shining through the ocean mist
And peaking into the window of love
It had a red freckle in its middle
And was round as a shaven skull
Forcefully telling the tale of a woman
Who could see throught the jungle of poverty
To the green pastures of heaven.

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